



2013 STUDENT SUMMIT ON THE OCEAN & COASTS

PROCLAMATION

Voices of the Student Delegations

We are the generation of change. Our choices will determine the future of our ocean and, consequently, our planet. We recognize that, no matter where we come from, we must combine our strengths and work together. We have an obligation to take action in our communities to protect and conserve the environment and to embolden others with the power and knowledge to do the same. Through our continuous efforts, we will strive to fulfill our vision of an ocean that sustains a healthy and biodiverse ecosystem, is a responsibly managed part of the global economy, and continues to be a source of beauty and inspiration for future generations.

Acuario de Veracruz

We have the commitment of improving among our coastal zones. Our main purpose is to introduce the sense of belonging.

Fabiola
DELA ROSA
Maribel
Reyes
Luisa F.
LOPEZ
Karina Cerritos
GOMEZ

Aquarium of the Pacific

We want to create awareness to the Los Cerritos Wetlands in California by opening the wetlands to the public. By doing so, it will help save the huge biodiversity and rare plants that live there because of public interest. Economically, it will help small businesses surrounding the wetlands by bringing in a number of customers.

Frank Mennon
Bryan Valle
Nikolay
Alfonso

Dauphin Island Sea Lab

As members of the Gulf Coast community, we plan to spread awareness of the storm water runoff pollution issue and work to fix the problems of the marine environment.

Garrison Smith
Jessica Pierce
Jordan Nicole Perry

The Florida Aquarium

We will commit to teaching others about the impact of marine pollution by serving as an example in beautification starting with our campus, promoting growth in knowledge by instructing the next generation, and influencing policy change in the use of plastic bags.

Jeffrey

Georgia Aquarium

We will, through social media, inform and encourage our community to make sustainable choices when it comes to seafood.

Annie Mason
Lawryn Turner
Ted

John G. Shedd Aquarium

We will help to fulfill aquatic science needs by offering high school students an outlet to explore aquatic careers.

Emily
Ryan
Eleanor

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory - Marine Education Center

We will inform our local community of the dangers of marine debris in our everyday environment.

Matthew
Rafael
Christina

Monterey Bay Aquarium

We promise to take action in our community through education on the importance of composting and reducing the amount of waste going into our landfills. We hope other communities around us will join our movement in the move for healthier oceans.

David
Bryan
Rita
David

Mystic Aquarium

We pledge to inspire and educate the youth for a better understanding of our coastal issues.

Kevin
Jonathan
Dale

National Aquarium in Baltimore

We pledge to support aquatic environmental education, lead through action (clean ups, plantings, etc.) in conserving our oceans and coasts, and to support the creation and enforcement of regulations to allow businesses to follow sustainable practices for aquatic environments.

Angela
De
Paul

National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium

It is only through cooperation and collective action that our oceans will be made cleaner and healthier. Through the Mississippi River, inland states have a direct and significant impact on the health of the world's oceans. As citizens of an inland state, Iowa, we hope to positively impact and give a greater voice to the relationship between the Mississippi River and the coast.

Wesley
Rachel
Jack

New England Aquarium

Raising awareness for ocean acidification in Boston, a community enriched by the nearby, resource-rich Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, will shape the course of our fisheries. Inspiring Bostonians to modify their lifestyles in order to reduce their carbon footprints ensures a future of collaboration between the ocean and the people.

Victoria
Isabelle
Evelina

New Jersey Academy for Aquatic Sciences - Adventure Aquarium

Horseshoe crabs are an important resource for humans and other animals. We the NJAAS will continue to teach the importance of their conservation and research their links in the food web.

Deja
Bryan
Dominique
Betsy
Monica

North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores

We commit to advocating for the ocean and educating the public about ocean acidification and how they can get involved.

Destiny
Cierra

Seattle Aquarium

We will raise awareness about ocean acidification and its effects on our culture, economy, and environment. The health of the region and its waters depends on a shared understanding of immediate action around climate change and ocean acidification.

Shaylene
Crystal
Vincent
Eleanore

Texas State Aquarium

Our delegation commits to determine the possibility of constructing an education oyster bed at the Texas State Aquarium through sampling of water quality, investigating required permitting, and developing educational signage.

Marie
Julian
Diana
Melanie

Vancouver Aquarium

We, delegates from the Vancouver Aquarium, proclaim that there is an increase in noise pollution along the waterways of British Columbia's coast due to increasing vessel traffic which is adversely affecting our marine animals. We recommend policy be implemented by the Canadian Government that regulates and monitors the level of ocean noise permissible along our coasts and in sensitive marine areas.

Hannah
Shay
Shark boy

Waikiki Aquarium

Bringing awareness of coral disease and stressors to local communities and teaching them how to detect, report, and prevent destruction of Hawaiian Coral Reefs.

Mike
Gabriel
Brittany

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